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Team Canada's Hayley Wickenheiser skates with the flag after winning the gold medal at the 2010 Vancouver Olympic Winter Games. The Shaunavon, Sask., native has been named Canada's flag-bearer for the Sochi Olympics. Inset: Wickenheiser poses for a photo in St. Poelten, Austria, on Thursday. Story, page 14. SCOTT GARDNER/THE CANADIAN PRESS; INSET: RONALD ZAK/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Health regions
to miss surgery
wait-time target

March 2014? Nope.
Saskatoon Health
Region will need until
late 2014 to hit
12-week max wait time

The two biggest health regions in Saskatchewan will not meet the government's target date for making sure patients have surgery within three months.

The government promised in March 2010 that no one would have to wait longer than 12 weeks for surgery by March 2014.

But health officials said Thursday that the Saskatoon Health Region will take until late 2014 to meet the target and the Regina Qu'Appelle Health Region will need another year.

"Regina, the primary issue that they encountered was a shortage of operating-room nurses, so they were forced

to close some of their operating rooms both at the General and Pasqua hospitals during the week because they simply didn't have enough operating-room nurses to staff them," said Mark Wyatt, acting assistant deputy minister of health.

"And that dramatically reduced the volume that they were performing and required in order to keep up with the wait-time reduction and meeting their wait-time targets."

Wyatt says the Regina health region has since hired more nurses and is making good progress.

In Saskatoon, the region had planned for more surgeries, but there was "a spike in demand" that wasn't anticipated, he said.

Statistics to the end of November show that 79 per cent of patients provincially are getting surgery within three months.

The government says there

are 4,796 patients waiting more than three months for surgery — 10,555 fewer than when the surgical initiative began in March 2010.

Wyatt is pleased with the results.

"While we haven't fully achieved the target within a four-year time frame, it's absolutely still our intention that we will achieve this target. We recognize that Regina and Saskatoon have had some difficulties along the way and we've worked (with) them to develop their corrective action plans so that they can get back on course," said Wyatt.

"So, from our perspective, it certainly would have been preferable for us to be able to meet the target within the four-year time frame. But I think when we meet it within a five-year time frame, it's still going to stand out as a remarkable success for this initiative."

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Confirmed measles cases up



Dr. Saqib Shahab, the provincial government's chief medical health officer, updates reporters in Regina on Thursday after additional cases of measles were confirmed. MARCO VIGLIOTTI/METRO IN REGINA

Exposure. Number now at five in Sask., health officials say on Thursday, along with another dozen suspected cases



MARCO VIGLIOTTI
Metro in Regina

The number of confirmed cases of measles in Saskatchewan has risen to five, including four in the Regina Qu'Appelle Health Region (RQHR), officials announced on Thursday.

"Our investigations into the original case of measles in the RQHR continued and, since then, has resulted in additional cases," said Dr. Maurice Hennick, deputy medical health officer with the RQHR.

The sole confirmed case outside of the RQHR is in an unspecified region, also in southern Saskatchewan.

There are about another dozen suspected cases of measles in the province, Hennick added.

Dr. Saqib Shahab, the

Saskatchewan government's chief medical health officer, urged parents to ensure their children are properly vaccinated.

He said people travelling to "locations with measles outbreaks" also need to make sure they are up-to-date on their vaccinations.

Earlier this week, officials released a list of locations in Regina where members of the public might have been exposed to the airborne measles virus between Jan. 13 and 17.

Hennick noted that none of the additional confirmed or suspected cases stems from exposure at those public locations.

Officials, however, pointed to five other locations — mostly in Regina's north end — where people could have been exposed to the measles.

The new locations include the Rochdale outlet of Real Canadian Superstore on Jan. 17 from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and the Co-operators Centre at Evraz Place on Jan. 18 from 1:30 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.

Health officials have investigated other facilities around the city, including daycare centres. The names of those

U of R coach quarantined

The University of Regina's women's basketball head coach has taken a temporary leave of absence due to possible exposure to measles.

- Dave Taylor has been placed in a three-week quarantine by health officials as a precaution. He has yet to experience symptoms of the infection.
- Assistant coach and former player Carly Graham will take his place on an interim basis.

SARAH TAGUIAM/METRO IN REGINA

locations were not disclosed.

"It's very specific contact, at very specific daycares, (unlike) these big public locations (where) we really have no idea who's been here," Hennick explained.

"The (daycares) were done specifically, one by one. (We) checked and double-checked the vaccination statements of each individual."

Fatality

Pedestrian struck and killed

A 59-year-old Saskatoon man died in a vehicle collision Thursday night in the city's west side.

The pedestrian was walking northbound across 22nd Street and Avenue P, against the traffic signal, when he was hit by a vehicle travelling west on 22nd Street. A police patrol unit was at the scene just as the collision

happened. Despite the life-saving efforts of police, the man couldn't be saved.

The driver of the vehicle, a 43-year-old man, also from Saskatoon, was not injured.

At this time the investigation is ongoing, but no charges are anticipated. **METRO**

Governance

New committees the way of the future?

Saskatoon is reviewing the

way it operates.

City manager Murray Totland says there's a feeling that the city has outgrown its current governance model.

The administration is presenting council with a list of recommendations meant to streamline the way council operates.

He says there's an emphasis on unclogging the works at full meetings in favour of seeing more of the grunt work done by committees.

For example, one change

would see people addressing council meetings restricted to items on that day's official agenda.

But Totland said that people with off-topic concerns would still have a forum to be heard.

The recommendations call for the creation of four new standing committees, each composed of five city councillors.

Those committees would be transportation, environment and utilities, finance and corporate services and

planning, development and community services. Each committee would be chaired by a member of council selected through a vote.

Where someone has an issue that doesn't fit neatly into one committee's area of concern, Totland said other mechanisms would still be available.

The current executive committee would become something of a "catch-all" for issues not addressed by the other ones.

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Indigenous artist Kevin Wesaquate poses for a photo with a repainted version of his art titled, Teenage Mutant Neechie Turtles, at the Saskatoon Community Youth Arts Programming Gallery. The original painting was stolen from an art show at Amigos Cantina. MORGAN MODJESKI/METRO

Sask. indigenous artist searching for stolen painting

Teenage Mutant Neechie Turtles. Show organizer 'shocked' someone would steal art



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A Saskatoon artist is hoping the person who stole his painting has a change of heart.

The painting, titled Teenage Mutant Neechie Turtles, was stolen from Amigos Cantina sometime between Dec. 15 and Jan. 5 during an art show celebrating the one-year anniversary of Kimiwan magazine.

Now, indigenous artist Kevin Wesaquate and the

show's organizer, Joi Arcand, are asking for it to be returned, no questions asked.

"I'm not looking to press charges," Wesaquate said on Thursday.

"If the person who took off with it ... could just drop it off at Amigos and just kind of leave it there and walk away, that would be great — that would be really appreciated."

Before the piece was stolen, Bear Witness, a member of the band A Tribe Called Red, purchased the artwork for \$150, but the value of the piece goes beyond dollars-and-cents as Wesaquate's three-year-old daughter also contributed to the painting.

"I got my little daughter to kind of splash the back canvas for me and kind of work it for me ... so that's the kind of value it had," he said, adding

he wanted to put a "indigenous twist," on something from his childhood.

Despite the theft, Arcand said she feels the show was a "great success."

"This is the first time we've ever done an art show so we definitely learned a lot," she said.

"The venue we had it in was obviously not an art gallery so there are higher risks involved in having it at such a publicly attended venue ... so it's hard to control.

"We're just trying to focus on the positive," she added.

While they've received no leads on the painting's whereabouts at this time, Wesaquate has already repainted the piece and he plans to give it to Bear Witness at no cost when he returns to Saskatoon mid-February.

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Justin Bieber arrested in Miami, charged with DUI

Hard to Believe. A bratty teen pop star, alcohol, drugs, a yellow Lamborghini — what could go wrong?

So what could happen?

For a first DUI offence, there is no minimum sentence and a maximum of six months, a fine of up to \$500, and 50 hours of community service.

When he debuted five years ago, Justin Bieber was a mop-haired heartthrob, clean cut and charming. But a series of troubling incidents have put his innocent image at risk, and none more so than his arrest on DUI charges Thursday.

Police say they arrested a bleary-eyed Bieber — smelling of alcohol — after officers saw him drag-racing before dawn on a residential street, his yellow Lamborghini travelling at nearly twice the speed limit.

The 19-year-old singer later admitted smoking marijuana, drinking and taking a prescription medication, police say. Unlike previous dustups, this arrest has him facing potential

jail time.

Bieber was charged with DUI, driving with an expired licence and resisting arrest without violence. His Miami-Dade County jail mug shot showed the singer smiling in a bright red inmate jumpsuit, his hair still stylishly coiffed.

Bieber made his initial court appearance via a video link from jail. Bieber's bond was set at \$2,500.

Bieber left jail about an hour after his court appearance, popping through a window of his black SUV in a black hoodie and sunglasses to wave to crowds of reporters and young girls waiting to see him.

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This police booking mug shot shows Canadian pop star Justin Bieber on Thursday. Bieber was arrested for allegedly drag-racing on a Miami Beach street. Police say Bieber has been charged with resisting arrest without violence in addition to drag racing and DUI. MIAMI-DADE COUNTY JAIL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Going down? Diners bored while waiting on Ford, who was stuck between floors

Toronto Mayor Rob Ford arrived more than an hour late for a lunch-hour speech to the Economic Club of Canada today, saying he had been stuck in an elevator for 45 minutes.

The president and CEO of the club said she was trapped in the same elevator with Ford. Rhiannon Traill said the group took a freight elevator to "avoid all the traffic" in the lobby.

Ford was "so calm and gracious" during the ordeal, Traill said, noting they discussed his speech and his campaign for re-election.

"Unfortunately, we were stuck in between floors so they couldn't get us out for a while," she said.

Despite their best efforts, the group wasn't able to alert event organizers of the reason for the delay, Traill said.

The mayor himself would not elaborate on what happened.

Several members of the business crowd left before Ford's arrival, with one saying he had too much work to do and couldn't wait any longer.

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Alberta. Supreme Court won't hear appeal of man who hoped to save rabbits

The Supreme Court of Canada won't hear an appeal from a nature lover who tried to save the rabbits of Canmore, Alta., from a deadly cull.

The town decided several years ago to trap and kill its feral rabbits, which it said were devouring local gardens and attracting coyotes and cougars.

Daniel Onischuk, an Edmonton photographer, objected and went to court for an injunction,

arguing trapping, sterilizing and relocating the rabbits was a better option.

The Court of Queen's Bench dismissed his suit, saying he had no standing to bring the application since he had no ties or interest in Canmore and the appeal court declined to hear an appeal.

The town began the trap-and-kill program in the fall of 2012. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Feds push new Jobs Grant package

The federal government has offered the provinces and territories a new Canada Jobs Grant package as part of a "sensitive" third round of negotiations over the controversial proposal, says Employment Minister Jason Kenney.

The original proposal, which came shortly after the last federal budget was introduced, was less than perfect, Kenney acknowledged Thursday as he described a new offer that offers additional "flexibilities" to the provinces.

"I'm not suggesting the in-

ital model that we proposed was ideal; to the contrary," the minister said in a speech to the Toronto Region Board of Trade.

At the same time, however, he expressed frustration with the fact other levels of government have been balking at something that he considers to be a common sense plan.

"It's so blindingly sensible, I don't understand why it's not widely accepted."

The main idea behind the job grant scheme remains intact as the talks enter the latest phase, Kenney said: giving

those who create jobs more say over how tax dollars are spent on training programs.

The Canada Jobs Grant model, first proposed by the Harper government in last year's federal budget, was supposed to be in place by April, but several provinces objected because it would have meant an overall cut to federal funding for job training.

Ontario Training Minister Brad Duguid said earlier this week that he remains opposed to the fact that Ottawa intends to finance its share of the pro-

gram by reducing transfer payments to the provinces.

The original plan was to create a \$15,000 grant that Canadians could use to receive training for a specific job opening.

Kenney stressed that Canada is already short of skilled workers, and the pending retirement of thousands more across the country as the baby boomers retire will only make matters worse unless the right job training programs are in place.

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Belgium

Dine-and-dasher discovered done-in

Authorities are investigating the death of a gastronomic freelancer as a possible murder. Two days after the father of Titus Clarysse found him dead in his apartment, investigators

were looking on Thursday for suspects in what a spokesperson called "a case of murder or manslaughter." Clarysse was famed in and around the town of Ghent for walking into any restaurant of his choosing, ordering anything from steak to lobsters and walking out without paying.

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Fatal blaze ravages seniors' home in small Quebec town

L'Isle-Verte. Many residents were over 85 and all but a handful were confined to wheelchairs, walkers

Just six months after Canadians were rocked by the Lac-Mégantic tragedy, another Quebec town found itself waiting to learn how many people it had lost after fire ripped through a seniors' residence Thursday.

And just like in Lac-Mégantic, the destruction struck shortly after midnight.

The unsuspecting community this time was L'Isle-Verte, a town of only 1,500 people in Quebec's scenic Lower St. Lawrence.

Provincial police have confirmed that five people are dead and another 30 are mis-

sing.

Parts of the Résidence du Havre, which opened in 1997, had sprinklers, while others didn't. The local fire chief said sprinklers did go off, triggering the fire alarm and allowing firefighters to gain access to about one-third of the building.

Thursday's blaze erupted in the old part of the three-storey building, which a Quebec Health Department document from last July states was constructed of wood. The document also says the building had a fire alarm and that each room was equipped with a smoke detector.

Many of the residents were over 85 and all but a handful had limited movement, being confined to wheelchairs and walkers.

At least three people were injured, although the extent of their injuries was unclear.

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Investigators and firefighters look over the rubble where fire destroyed a seniors' residence in L'Isle-Verte, Que., Thursday. RYAN REMIOWZ/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Indian woman says village council ordered gang-rape

A 20-year-old Indian woman said she was gang-raped on the orders of a village council because she fell in love with a man from a different ethnic group, police said Thursday.

Twelve suspects and the head of the council have been arrested for the Monday night attack, police said. The woman told police that she lost count of how many men raped her. She was hospitalized Thursday in serious condition.

Television footage showed the woman, her face covered by scarves, being led into a hospital with an IV tube in her arm.

TV news reports said the woman is a member of an ethnic tribal group and the man is a Muslim from a neighbouring village. The man visited the woman's village, Subalpur, on Monday to propose marriage, but was caught by other villagers, and the man and woman were tied to a tree while the village council decided their fate, the reports said.

Police official C. Sudhakar said the village council ordered the man and woman to each pay a fine of 25,000 rupees (\$400). The man's family



Men arrested in a gang-rape are shown at a court in Bolpur, India, Thursday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

it was allegedly ordered by a council made up of village elders. Such councils are not legally binding in India, but they are seen as the will of the local community. The councils decide on social norms in the village, and in some cases they dictate the way women can dress or who they can marry. Those who flout the councils risk being ostracized.

Subalpur is about 180 kilometres (110 miles) north of Kolkata, the capital of West Bengal.

Annie Raja, general secretary of the National Federation of Indian Women, said that such local councils destroy women's rights.

"They are dead set against giving basic human rights to women," she said. "These are non-constitutional bodies and the West Bengal government should take stringent action against them."

India's Supreme Court has in the past issued opinions condemning the councils as illegal bodies. Several legal organizations are pushing Parliament to pass a comprehensive law that would make edicts by local councils illegal.

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was able to pay, but when the woman's family said they were too poor, the council ordered the gang rape, police said.

A rash of high-profile rapes in India over the past year has sparked widespread outrage over chronic sexual violence and government failures to protect women.

The West Bengal case is particularly troubling because

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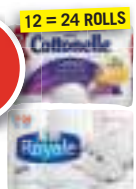
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Ukraine opposition urges ceasefire, but protesters still appear defiant

Uneasy truce.

Leaders offer mixed reports of negotiations with president

A top opposition leader on Thursday urged protesters to maintain a shaky ceasefire with police after at least two demonstrators were killed in clashes this week, but some in the crowd appeared defiant, jeering and chanting "revolution" and "shame."

Emerging from hours-long talks with President Viktor Yanukovich, opposition leader Oleh Tyahnybok asked demonstrators in Kyiv for several more days of a truce, saying the president has agreed to ensure the release of dozens of detained protesters and stop further detentions.

But other opposition leaders offered mixed reports on the outcome of the meeting,



Opposition leader and former WBC heavyweight boxing champion Vitali Klitschko, centre, addresses protesters near the burning barricades between police and protesters in central Kyiv, Ukraine, Thursday. SERGEI CHUZAVKOV/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

with opposition leader Vitali Klitschko saying negotiations had brought little result.

He and Tyahnybok were booed at the barricades by angry demonstrators and the

atmosphere appeared tense.

Interior Minister Vitaliy Zakharchenko issued a statement guaranteeing that police would not take action against the large protest camp on In-

dependence Square, known as the Maidan. He also called on the police to exercise calm and not react to provocations.

The developments came as hundreds of enraged protesters

in several regions in western Ukraine, where Yanukovich has little support, seized government offices and forced one governor loyal to Yanukovich to resign. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Protests

Rejecting Russian aid

The protests began after Yanukovich turned away from closer ties with the European Union in favour of getting a bailout loan from Russia. They turned violent this week after he pushed through harsh anti-protest laws, rejecting protesters' demands that he resign and call new elections. At least two people were killed by gunfire at the clash site on Wednesday. Demonstrators had pelted riot police with stones and set police buses on fire, while the officers responded with rubber bullets, tear gas and stun grenades.

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SplashData found 9.8 per cent of users have the passwords 123456 or 12345678.

security breach last year highlight the risks of basing a password on the app or website you are logging into.

Everything needs a password these days, but how are we to remember them all?

The simplest answer here really is to use a password manager like SplashID Safe. Otherwise, it's difficult or impossible to remember dozens of unique, strong passwords. One way to create more secure passwords that are easy to recall is to start using passphrases, short words with spaces or other characters separating them. It's best to use random words rather than common phrases. For example, "cakes years birthday" or "smiles_light_skip?"



Is caramel colouring in pop safe? FDA vows to find out

Coke and Diet Coke bottles sit on a store shelf in Miami. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration says there's no reason to believe that the colouring added to sodas is unsafe. But the agency is taking another look just to make sure. The agency's announcement comes in response to a study by Consumer Report showing 12 brands of soda have varying levels of 4-methylimidazole, an impurity found in some caramel colouring. GETTY IMAGES

Ex-Baywatch babe

Ban fur in Israel, urges Anderson

Actress and animal rights activist Pamela Anderson is asking Israel's prime minister to endorse a bill banning the sale of clothes made of animal fur. Fresh off a honeymoon in Israel, she sent a letter to Benjamin Netanyahu urging him to support the legislation.

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Pamela Anderson
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How low can it go?

Loonie dives below 90 cents

The dollar closed at 90.10 cents US Thursday amid concerns about weakness in China's economy and recent comments from the Bank of Canada. Earlier Thursday, it traded as low as 89.35 cents US, the first time since 2009 the loonie has been below the 90-cent US mark. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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HAVE TO BE BUZZED TO BELIEB

Firmly settled into the new year, with the brisk winter upon us, we watch our resolutions crumbling by the hour. There remains a buzz, no longer of holiday cheer or annoying relatives, but of social media exploding with up-to-the-minute news that matters most. Here are some of the items trending highest in this week's Twittersphere.

1 The puppy that lost its way. This week's top hashtags were #JustinBieber and #DUI. People forget that this is just a normal 19-year-old boy, experimenting with drugs, sex and cars. Is it his fault he just happens to have access to the very finest of all three? But he'll be OK, because just like an adorable little puppy, he can poop right on your shoes, and look at you innocently, as if to say, "Wanna rub my belly?" #WeWillAlwaysSupportYouJustin.

2 Dennis Rodman. The surest way for a celebrity (and I use the term loosely here) to trend high is to check into rehab. But this former NBA bad boy was already under fire for his relationship with Kim Jong-un, and compounded it by going nuts in a



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Mike Benhaim
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satellite interview (from North Korea) with CNN anchor Chris Cuomo. Nothing gets folks a-tweetin' like a rant so incoherent, it's incomprehensible to two cultures simultaneously. What's the Korean word for "huh?"

3 Hilton-grooven. Her audacious claim that she was "one of the top 5 DJs in the world" ignited online controversy until Paris Hilton explained that she was merely one of the top five "HIGHEST PAID DJs..." What followed was a global DJ community left in a silent state of melancholy introspection.

4 Really, Rob? Toronto's mayor revived his dwindling buzz with footage of yet another drunken jabberfest earlier this week. Reporters were unable to focus on budget-related questions after seeing him rant in faux-Patois at the Steak Queen restaurant. So much for getting "enough to eat at home."

5 Greatest game ever, dude. The Super Bowl always ranks high in online chatter, but this year features Seattle versus Denver, and takes place in New Jersey, where constituents just re-elected Gov. Chris Christie. So it's hard to gauge whether trend-

ing is due to the NFL's huge fan base, or the fact that everyone is stoned. One thing's for sure: Announcers will have to speak very slowly.

6 Tennis, anyone? Eugenie Bouchard became the first Canadian to advance this far in the Australian Open, but apparently that's not as interesting as her crush on Justin Bieber, according to the latest Twitter trend #GenieArmy.

7 In the wrong business. Not on the list just yet, but on the topic of trends, iconic Canadian men's fashion chain Harry Rosen celebrates its 60th anniversary this coming month. I take a moment to reflect back on the memory of all of the contemporary brand-name fashions I was never able to afford, and still can't.

8 Time well spent. This week's highest-ranking online subject went to Oxfam's report that the world's 85 richest people have as much wealth as half of Earth's population. What they don't tell you is that it's because the bottom half spends the majority of their time tweeting and posting selfies on Instagram. The other 85 are shopping at Harry Rosen as we speak.



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Hero-glyphics are a Marvel to behold



TV icons star in ancient artwork

An artist has transported superheroes into a world of sacred myths, by drawing them in hieroglyphics. In his series Hero-glyphics, Josh Lane blends our favourite TV and comic-book characters — from Star Trek and Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles to X-Men (not pictured) — with the ancient Egyptian art form. **METRO**



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Q and A

Accidental genius



JOSH LANE
Graphic designer and
illustrator, 27, from
Kansas City, Mo.

What was the inspiration for the superheroes?

I tend to read very fast, which is usually a curse, but one time I read the word "hieroglyphics" as "hero-glyphics." Immediately I started daydreaming about the possible hero scenarios and combinations.

In a world where the

Egyptian gods could fight Marvel superheroes, who would win? Osiris and Anubis, or the X-Men?

The X-Men for sure, because they are a team. I could see the Egyptian gods fighting each other for power, leaving an opportunity for the X-Men to strike.

Clickbait

Deciding where you want to eat can be tough, even before those pesky hunger pangs kick in. So if you want to find a restaurant quickly, and also give the impression you are a gastronomical crackerjack, check out these apps.



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Foodspotting:

This app knows that you eat with your eyes first. It lets you view photos of various dishes arranged by best, latest and nearest to you that have been uploaded by other patrons. Once you've found a drool-worthy dish, you can access the restaurant's info.

Open Table:

You can take advantage of your co-ordinates to find a restaurant and reserve a table. There are other auxiliary features such as searching restaurants by name, the interactive map, and you can also access restaurant info via a link to the site.

Vegout:

It lets you find vegetarian/vegan/vegetarian-friendly restaurants based on your location. The only drawback is it doesn't allow you to type in a specific restaurant.



Twitter

@metropicks asked: A stall with 2 toilets at a Sochi stadium has left many flushed. What is the strangest toilet set-up you have seen?

@nicolemartelle: 2 toilets in one stall (the stall connecting wall was torn down) in high school. fixed it after 2 days

@kokoskag: I have seen the double toilet set up in NFLD. Didn't look as nice as this though!

@strangerob: 3 seat thunderbox on several ftx, or possibly the latrine in Ft Lewis that had something like 6 toilets in a row.

@Dweller15: it's not new and not funny, take a look internet full of that crap

@beccawhite1984: that would be great if you have kids. They usually have to go at the same time.

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Synopsis

I, Frankenstein, Aaron Eckhart's martial arts update of the famous Mary Shelley story, wasn't screened for the press in time to meet our deadline, so after a long conversation with our editor the Reel Guys have decided to do a column on Eckhart's oeuvre. At least that's how we see it. Our boss has a different idea. "As your editor I demand a thorough dissection of Eckhart's abs," she wrote before adding: "More than pretty, Eckhart is." What follows is our humble attempt to mix cinematic business with our editor's pleasure.



Aaron Eckhart in a scene from I, Frankenstein. Metro's movies editor digs Eckhart's physique, but the Reel Guys say there's more to him than abs and cleft. CONTRIBUTED

Reel Guys

RICHARD
CROUSE AND
MARK BRESLIN



Why we love Aaron Eckhart

A-lister. He's got the acting chops ... and that cleft. So why isn't he a household name?

Richard: Mark, Aaron Eckhart isn't exactly a household name, but he has appeared in some very big movies. He's the only live-action actor in the Batman films to play both Harvey Dent and his villainous alter-ego Two-Face. The Dark Knight is by far and away his biggest hit, followed by his star-making turn in Erin Brockovich. But despite those box office busters we don't talk about the hand-mentioned abs and is versatile enough to star in everything from video game action movies like Battle: Los Angeles to

hardcore dramas like Rabbit Hole and yet doesn't get the same recognition as many of his peers. What's your take on him?

Mark: You mean the cleft that walked like a man? I could probably fit my grad thesis in there! Eckhart exploded onto my radar with two films he did in the late '90s, both by the cynical playwright Neil LaBute: In the Company of Men, and Your Friends & Neighbors. In both films he plays despicable, almost un-watchably misogynistic men. The key word here is almost. As rotten as he behaves in these movies, there's an inchoate grace under the surface that redeems the characters, and it's a testimony to his acting skills that he can keep us watching. And that cleft.

RC: Some like the cleft, some the abs. I like his versatility. In

a year span between 2010 and '11 he released three very different movies. In Rabbit Hole, he and Nicole Kidman were a couple trying to deal with the death of their four-year-old son. They are at different stages of their grief, but they share a couple of things: a terrible sense of loss and an inability to know how to deal with it. Terrific stuff. Next was the alien invader movie Battle: Los Angeles followed by The Rum Diaries where he played a slick PR person. Three different movies and three very different performances. Maybe we have a hard time defining him because he constantly does wild career flip-flops.

MB: Or because there's an opacity to him that allows him to play so many compromised characters, allowing us to project our feelings onto him. Look at one of his finest roles, as the

tobacco lobbyist in Thank You for Smoking. He's so slick, so shifty, we don't judge him, precisely because we don't really know him. A quality that's great for an actor, but less so for a movie star. I really liked him in Rabbit Hole and Rum Diaries, too, but his mainstream work doesn't register with me as much. Except for his cleft.

RC: He's made a number of movies I wouldn't recommend for the big screen but work well enough as rentals. Two action films, Erased and Suspect Zero, are very VOD friendly and feature many cleft hero shots.

MB: Or two romantic comedies that would have been disastrous without him: No Reservations and Love Happens. He doesn't do nude scenes in them, though, because in close-up you couldn't tell if it were his backside or his cleft.

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Ignorance (STC) Wed-Thu 8
Jai Ho (STC) Fri 6 Sat-Sun 6:30-9:30
No Films Showing Today (STC)
Mon-Tue

Saskatoon Soaps (STC) Fri 9:30

Cineplex Odeon Centre 3510 8th St. East

47 Ronin (PG) Fri 7:05 Sat-Sun 2-7:05
Mon-Tue 5:50 Wed 1:45-5:50 Thu
5:50
August: Osage County (14A) Fri
7:20-10 Sat-Sun 1:35-4:15-7:20-10
Mon-Thu 5:25-8:10 Star & Strollers
Screening Wed 1:30
Frozen (G) Sat-Sun 1:45 Wed 1:55
Frozen 3D (G) Fri 7:10 Sat-Sun 4:25-
7:10 Mon-Thu 5:30
Girl, Boy, Bakla, Tomboy (PG) Fri
6:45-9:40 Sat-Sun 1:20-4:05-6:45-9:40
Mon-Tue 5:35-8:20 Wed 1:40-5:35-
8:20 Thu 5:35-8:20
Her (14A) Fri 6:50 Sat-Sun 1:15-4-
6:50 Mon-Thu 5:20 Star & Strollers
Screening Wed 1:30
The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug
3D (PG) Fri 8 Sat-Sun 12:50-4:30-8
Mon-Tue 5:30 Wed 1:50-5:30 Thu
5:30
The Hunger Games: Catching Fire
(PG) Fri-Sun 9:35 Mon-Thu 8
Paranormal Activity: The Marked
Ones (14A) Fri 9:50 Sat-Sun 4:45-9:50
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Saving Mr. Banks (G) Fri-Sun 9:55
Mon-Thu 8:05
The Secret Life of Walter Mitty (G)
Fri 7:30-10:10 Sat-Sun 1:55-4:40-
7:30-10:10 Mon-Tue 5:40-8:25 Wed
2:50-8:25 Thu 5:40-8:25

Galaxy Cinemas Saskatoon 347 2nd Ave. South

American Hustle (14A) Fri 4-7:10-
10:15 Sat-Sun 12:50-4-7:10-10:15
Mon-Thu 7:10-10:15
Anchorman 2: The Legend Continues
(PG) Fri 5:05-7:50-10:40 Sat-Sun
2:15-5:05-7:50-10:40 Mon 10:10 Tue-
Thu 7:20-10:10
Devil's Due (14A) Fri 6:10-8:30-10:45
Sat-Sun 1:30-3:50-6:10-8:30-10:45
Mon-Thu 8:05-10:20
Frozen (G) Sat-Sun 12 Sat 11
Frozen 3D (G) Fri 5:15-8-10:30
Sat-Sun 2:40-5:15-8-10:30 Mon-Thu
7-9:50
Giselle From the Royal Opera House
(STC) Mon 7
The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug
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I, Frankenstein 3D (PG) Fri 5:45-
8:15-10:45 Sat-Sun 12:55-3:20-5:45-
8:15-10:45 Mon-Thu 8-10:30
Jack Ryan: Shadow Recruit (PG) Fri
5:20-7:55-10:30 Sat 12:10-2:45-5:20-
7:55-10:30 Sun 12:10-2:45-7:30-10:30
Mon-Wed 7:50-10:30 Thu 7:30-10:35
Lone Survivor (14A) Fri 4:35-7:25-
10:20 Sat-Sun 1:40-4:35-7:25-10:20
Mon-Thu 7:25-10:20
National Theatre Live: Coriolanus
(STC) Thu 7
The Nut Job (G) Sat 11-1 Sun 1
The Nut Job 3D (G) Fri 5:30-7:40-9:55
Sat-Sun 3:15-5:30-7:40-9:55 Mon-Thu
7:40-9:55
Ride Along (PG) Fri 5:40-8:10-10:35

Sat 11-12:40-3:10-5:40-8:10-10:35 Sun
12:40-3:10-5:40-8:10-10:35 Mon-Thu
7:55-10:25
The Smurfs (G) Sat 11
The Wolf of Wall Street (18A) Fri
4:45-8:45 Sat-Sun 12:45-4:45-8:45
Mon-Thu 8:15
WWE Royal Rumble - 2014 (STC)
Sun 7

Roxy Theatre 320 20th St West

12 Years a Slave (14A) Fri 6:50 Sat-
Sun 1-6:50 Mon-Wed 6:50
Dallas Buyers Club (14A) Fri 9:30 Sat-
Sun 3:30-9:30 Mon-Thu 9:30
Doctor Zhivago (STC) Thu 7:30
Nebraska (PG) Fri 9:15 Sat-Sun 3:15-
9:15 Mon-Wed 9:15
Philomena (PG) Fri 7 Sat-Sun 1:10-7
Mon-Thu 7

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The Book Thief (PG) Fri-Thu 1:05-
4-6:55-9:40
Captain Phillips (PG) Fri-Thu 1-3:55-
6:50-9:45
Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs 2
(G) Fri-Thu 2-4:20-7:30
Delivery Man (PG) Fri-Thu 1:20-
4:05-7-9:25
Ender's Game (PG) Fri-Thu 7:15-9:55
Gravity (PG) Fri-Wed 1:30-4:30-7:20-
9:35 Thu 4:30-7:20-9:35 Thu 1
Homefront (14A) Fri-Thu 10
Last Vegas (PG) Fri-Thu 1:25-4:35-
7:05-9:30
Thor: The Dark World (PG) Fri-Thu
1:10-4:10-7:10-9:50
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While single malts (made at a single distillery, in a pot still, from only malted barley) get attention because of big flavours, a scotch producer confessed to me that he felt "the art was really in the blend." Created from a combo of grain and malted whiskies, blends offer a rounded alternative to the aggressiveness of single malts.

Those looking for a tipple to toast Robbie Burns' 255th birthday this weekend might consider The Famous Grouse (750 ml, \$28.05 - \$29.99), the



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3. Remove all of the meat from the chicken, cut into bite-sized pieces and place in a large bowl. Pour the buffalo sauce over the chicken, then toss well to coat. Set aside.

4. Spread the tortilla chips in an even layer over the prepared baking sheet. Sprinkle the cheddar cheese evenly over the chips. Using tongs or a fork, spread the chicken evenly over the cheese and chips.

5. In a small bowl, toss together the Mexican-style

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cheese and the blue cheese, then sprinkle evenly over the chicken. Top with the olives and scallions. Bake for 10 to 15 minutes, or until the cheese is melted and just starting to brown. Serve with salsa and sour cream.

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- 1/2 cup Frank's RedHot Sauce
- 1/4 cup barbecue sauce
- 1/4 cup butter
- 2-lb rotisserie chicken
- 7 1/2 oz tortilla chips
- 8 oz each grated cheddar cheese, Mexican-style shredded cheese
- 1/2 cup crumbled blue cheese
- 3.8-oz can sliced black olives
- 1 bunch scallions, sliced
- Salsa, to serve
- Sour cream, to serve

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Wickenheiser embraces chance to lead Canadian athletes into Olympics

Hayley Wickenheiser doesn't put much stock in the flag-bearer's curse.

The Saskatchewan native, who will carry the Maple Leaf into the opening ceremonies of the Sochi Olympics, says the idea that she and her teammates could be under any more pressure is absurd.

After all, they play a sport that many in Canada consider religion. So any sort of cosmic jinx pales in comparison to the weight of an entire country's expectations for the women's team to win a fourth straight gold medal in Sochi.

"I think there's just too much emphasis put on that,"

Wickenheiser said Thursday via conference call from Austria. "The country expects a gold medal. Whether I carry the flag or not, I'm pretty sure our team doesn't feel any extra added incentive that there's more pressure to perform, because we already feel that already."

Not all athletes see it that way. Diver Alexandre Despatie felt it would be a distraction and said he'd decline any offer to carry the flag at the 2012 London Games.

Kayaker Adam van Koeverden carried the flag at the 2008 Beijing Olympics and finished a disappointing eighth in the 1,000 metres — although he did win silver in the 500.

Moguls skier Jean-Luc Brassard blamed his disappointing performance at the 1998 Nagano Olympics on being the flag-bearer a day earlier.

Wickenheiser and her teammates hope the same

thing doesn't happen to them. Hockey Canada says the women will march in the Feb. 7 opening ceremonies despite playing their first game the following night versus Switzerland.

Brassard, the assistant chef de mission for the Sochi team, was on the panel that selected Wickenheiser along with chef de mission Steve Podborski, assistant chef France St. Louis and one athlete representative. Hockey Canada nominated her for the honour.

"Throughout her successful career, this Canadian athlete has demonstrated true Canadian grit, patriotism and sportsmanship," said Podborski, adding that Wickenheiser will lead the Canadian team with "the utmost pride and class."

Wickenheiser is embracing the opportunity to put her sport centre stage.

"What I think it does is it shines a very positive light on the sport of women's hockey and just on our sport in general for the world to see," said the 35-year-old forward. "That's a great responsibility and expectation that every nation in the world has to carry in and I think should really embrace."

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Hayley Wickenheiser in St. Poelten, Austria, on Thursday.

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Great White hopes

"The pressure that we feel is the pressure that always comes with playing hockey as a Canadian hockey player, whether you're male or female."

Canadian hockey star Hayley Wickenheiser

CFL. Chamblin champing at the bit for next season

Saskatchewan Roughriders head coach Corey Chamblin is ecstatic about his coach of the year nomination for the 2013 CFL season but says his eyes are already on this year's prize.

"That was pretty exciting to be mentioned with those two great guys," Chamblin said, referring to Hamilton Tiger-Cats coach Kent Austin and Calgary Stampeders coach John Hufnagel, who are also nominated for the award.

"My family was ecstatic, and it was a good nomination."

The nomination, according to Chamblin, is the product of a strong team effort.

"The staff have done a great job to help me ... have that nomination," he said.

"I think it would be an awesome deal for our coaches in staff to have that."

Last year, during his second season as the Riders' head coach, Chamblin led

the team to a 45-34 home-turf victory over the Ticats in the 101st Grey Cup game.

Chamblin, though, said it's time to look toward the upcoming campaign.

"We had our celebration period, but it's time to make sure that we're putting in a good football team for 2014," Chamblin said.

The coach has been scouting in the U.S. recently, watching NCAA Senior Bowl workouts and looking at of-

fence and special teams.

According to Chamblin, the most important factor in deciding on the next Riders roster is competition for positions.

"It's not turnover because we want it," he explained.

"It's leaving room for turnover, because we found some guys who are just as good as the ones that we have."

The coach of the year will be named in Ottawa on Feb. 5.

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Roughriders head coach Corey Chamblin speaks to reporters on Thursday at Mosaic Stadium.

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On January 31, the federal government will shut down Saskatoon's Veterans Affairs office, leaving more than 4,000 veterans without the face-to-face services they deserve.

Our veterans won't give up the fight to reopen the office and neither should you. Write your MP to ask them to respect veterans and reopen the offices.

www.prairies.psac.com/veterans

Horoscopes

Aries

March 21 - April 20

There is no point being angry about what you have to leave behind. The planets are pointing you in a new direction and urging you to take that first brave step into the unknown.

Taurus

April 21 - May 21

Why are you so excitable? Whatever the reason, you will be on the go from dawn to dusk today. You may need to rest and get your energy back tomorrow but for now you are a ball of energy.

Gemini

May 22 - June 21

You don't have to be especially dynamic today. In fact, if you wait for good things to come your way, they will. Also, your way with words will get what you desire in most situations.

Cancer

June 22 - July 23

Someone will come to you for advice and although you don't want to get involved, you know you can't turn them down. Make sure they know it is only advice. The ultimate responsibility rests with them.

Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

Honesty is essential if you are to resolve an issue that has been dragging on. That does not only mean you being honest with others, it also means others being honest with you. Encourage them to speak up.

Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

You tend to believe in only what you can see and touch. Something will happen today that makes you wonder if there are other forces at work. Can you make them work for you?

Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

No matter how many brilliant ideas you have, they don't mean a thing unless you do something with them. For too long you've come up with grand plans, now it's time to act.

Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

There is a reason for everything that happens in life — ultimately there is no such thing as luck. Keep that thought in mind today and it will help you keep your feet on the ground.

Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

Don't take it personally if a friend is overly critical. They are probably more annoyed with themselves than they are with you, but their ego won't let them admit it. They'll make it up to you tomorrow.

Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

You may be desperate to be doing something more exciting but don't get so desperate that you act without thinking. If you do, and make a mistake, it will most likely hit you where it hurts most — in your wallet.

Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

In the eyes of the world, you can do no wrong, so don't worry if you tread on others' toes. Most likely they'll say sorry to you! In every way you are moving faster than everyone.

Pisces

Feb. 20 - March 20

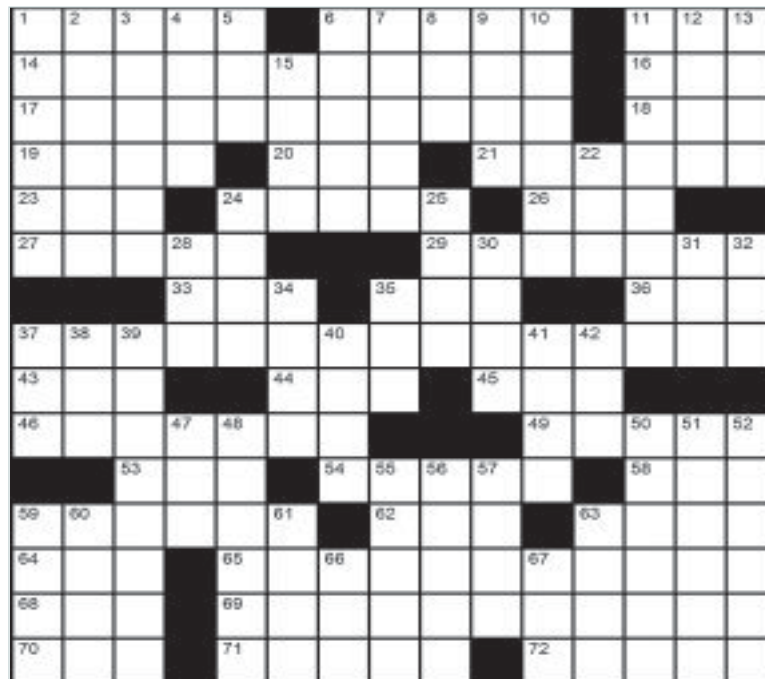
You need to rediscover your passion for a project that started off well but tailed away as other things demanded your time. It doesn't have to be a fantasy that remains unfulfilled. There is still time to make it a success. **SALLY BROMPTON**

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

Across

1. Savoury gelatin
6. Motor scooter company
11. Book serial abbr.
14. 'Whale Music' Canadian band
16. Nightfall
17. MMA = Mixed

18. Soak flax
19. City in Quebec
20. Atlantic Can. locale
21. Misters, in Madrid
23. "___, ___ insist!"
24. Kiss of the Dragon (2001) star: 2 wds.
26. CBC's The ___ James Show
27. "___ tired." ...said the exhausted person
29. Big bird
33. Web feed syst. for updates
35. Testing, testing One, __, three...
36. Dove's murmur
37. Canadian History: It was legalized on July 20, 2005: 2 wds.
43. Year: Spanish
44. Tellies
45. Nightfall in verse
46. Potato dumpling
49. Rover
53. Cdn. currency
54. My Own Private ___ (1991)



58. Country music's ___ Young Band
59. Fates
62. Numero ___
63. Ms. Ward
64. Canadian broadcaster Mr. Lewis
65. Louis ___ (British naval officer, Prince Charles' great uncle, b.1900 - d.1979)

68. Mr. Chaney Jr.
69. City near Toronto
70. Chang Bunker's equally famous twin
71. Literature's W.B.
72. Really promotes

Down

1. Giorgio of fashion

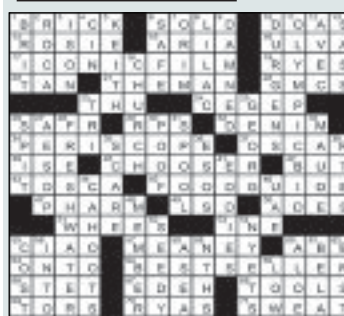
- design
2. Canadian model/actress Ms. Harlow
3. Licence
4. Scintilla
5. ___: Crime Scene Investigation
6. Parking attendant
7. Internet commerce, ___
8. ___ John A. Mac-

- donald
9. Agent takes, for short
10. Declare to be true
11. Archie Comics character
12. Throughout
13. Net balls
15. Scotch stuff
22. Oslo's li'l locale

See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.
BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN

24. Ms. Stone of song
25. Cedar Rapids locale
28. Metal-bearing mineral
30. Hurting
31. Wheel part
32. Shed tool
34. Comedy's Mr. Meyers
35. Band-Aid, et al.
37. Decline
38. Journalist Ms. Curry
39. Fad jewellery piece in the 1970s: 2 wds.
40. Nero's 17
41. Casino city
42. Greek Myth: Odysseus' rescuer
47. Ending after . on the Internet
48. Dank
50. Join for company: 2 wds.
51. Make a claim about a crime
52. Singer Ms. Ross, and namesakes
55. Actress Kirsten
56. Pros opposites
57. Goblins
59. Leafy green
60. Shakespeare's river
61. French fabric?
63. Stick around
66. G8 country
67. Mountain ___ (Type of tree)

Yesterday's Crossword

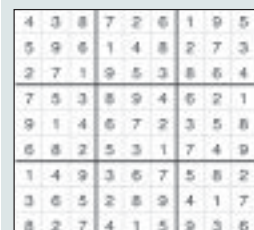


Sudoku

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

Yesterday's Sudoku



Today

2°/-4°

Flurries

60%

Saturday

2°/-25°

Flurries

40%

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